

City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Minutes

Wednesday, April 19, 2006
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84118

Attendance:

Mayor Russ Wall

Council Members:

Chairman Morris Pratt
Vice-Chairman Jerry Rechtenbach
Council Member Bud Catlin
Council Member Les Matsumura
Council Member Lynn Handy

City Staff:

John Inch Morgan, City Administrator
John Brems, City Attorney
Mark McGrath, Community Development Director
Gerry Orr, City Finance Director
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, Deputy City Recorder
Robin Kishiyama, Council Coordinator
Larry Marx, Chief of Police
Donald Adams, Economic Development Director
Gordon Haight, City Engineer
Michael Kwan, Judge
Sheri Argyle, Court Administrator

Excused: Virginia Loader, City Recorder

Citizens: Laura Lewis, John Gidney, Gordon Wolf, Darwin Cottle, Greg Poole, Shawn Pickett

18:04:49 Council Chairman Morris Pratt called the Work Session Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Deputy City Recorder Cheryl Peacock conducted a roll-call to identify those Council Members present. All members of the Council were present, excluding Council Member Lynn Handy.

1. Discussion of the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year Tentative Budget – *John Inch Morgan*

18:05:16 City Administrator John Inch Morgan opened the discussion on budget issues.

18:06:28 Mr. Morgan reminded the Council that ten capital project priorities were determined at the last Budget Meeting that was held on March 25, 2006.

18:08:53 Council Member Lynn Handy joined the meeting at this time.

18:09:46 City Engineer Gordon Haight distributed a handout and reviewed priority projects, as previously identified by the Council.

18:14:04 Questions regarding the 1175 West project were addressed.

18:17:00 The following projects were cited as top priority:

1. 4000 West 6200 South Intersection Reconstruction
2. 1175 West (4500 South – 4800 South) Reconstruction
3. Simper Lane Sidewalk Project
4. Future Phase Business District Enhancements
5. 5400 South Sound Wall Upgrade
6. Youth Baseball Complex
7. Sidewalk and Curb and Gutter Replacement
8. General Sidewalk, Waterway, and Curb and Gutter Repairs
9. Congestion Management Study – 6200 South Redwood Road
10. Storm Drain Utility Study

18:20:16 Mr. Morgan reviewed cost allocations on the projects.

18:21:21 A question was addressed regarding the 1300 West Reconstruction Project at 4200 South, which is now in progress.

18:22:39 Laura Lewis of Lewis, Young, Robertson, and Burningham, Inc. gave a presentation regarding bonding options/processes and reviewed the basics of municipal finance.

18:32:56 Questions from the Council were addressed.

19:12:56 At the Council's request, Ms. Lewis provided additional bonding information pertaining to economic development.

19:29:21 Chairman Pratt thanked Ms. Lewis for her presentation.

19:29:40 Greg Poole and Shawn Pickett, of Hansen, Allen & Luce, presented information on the storm water program in Taylorsville. Options were reviewed for managing and maintaining the storm water system. The potential implementation of storm water utility fees was discussed.

19:45:37 Questions from the Council were addressed regarding storm drain systems within Taylorsville.

20:17:07 The option of debt financing the storm water utility was discussed.

20:18:47 Mr. Morgan asked for direction from the Council regarding project priorities and funding alternatives to be pursued as the budget is prepared.

20:24:28 Council Member Rechtenbach stated that he is in favor of looking at all reasonable and responsible debt financing options in order to manage deteriorations within the City that can no longer be ignored. Council Member Matsumura concurred and stated that the City should now take a stand, look to the future, and examine all financing options.

20:28:22 Council Member Handy noted that it is not a question of whether the City goes into debt, but where and how much.

20:29:19 Mayor Wall stated that by next year, there will no longer be excess for capital projects within the City.

20:30:22 Council Member Catlin agreed that the City must find additional revenue, but expressed concerns about the impact of raising taxes.

20:33:37 Options for generating revenue were reviewed. Mr. Morgan asked the Council to specify which options should not be pursued before the budget is prepared.

20:36:53 The Mayor noted that circuit breakers for any potential utility franchise fee would be considered for senior citizens, etc.

20:38:08 The Council determined that ten years is the appropriate time frame for bonding.

20:39:31 Mr. Morgan asked City Department heads to present the budgetary needs for their departments.

20:41:52 Mr. Morgan confirmed that budget alternatives will be compiled and provided in written form to the Council.

20:40:59 Community Development Director Mark McGrath reviewed needs for his department. He made recommendation to bring the building department in-house by adding three additional positions, and no longer using Sunrise Engineering's service. He also cited a need for a Senior Planner, in addition to the three existing planners, along with a Code Enforcement Official. Mr. McGrath illustrated justification for his personnel requests through a Power Point presentation.

21:04:05 Mr. McGrath noted that the City has been very satisfied with the building services provided by Sunrise and his requests for a change are based on fiscal and public service considerations only. He clarified that Sunrise has indicated intention to raise the cost of their contract upon renewal.

21:14:38 Mr. McGrath addressed the need for a Senior Planner and reviewed justification for increased personnel in planning. He also addressed a need for additional help in code enforcement as a result of the City's new code enforcement policy.

21:24:03 Mr. McGrath cited additional funds that are needed for travel and training, office supplies, professional fees, and capital equipment for the Community Development Department.

21:31:48 Police Chief Larry Marx cited statistics on calls handled within his department for the prior year. He stated his concerns with call response time. Chief Marx also reviewed investigative issues and traffic problems in Taylorsville. He projected that two additional detectives and two additional traffic officers would help improve public service. Chief Marx asked for approximately an additional \$400,000.00 allocation for the Police Department.

21:51:04 Discussion was held regarding the value of the Resource Officer provided at the high school. Chief Marx expressed his satisfaction with his police officers and his pride in the Department.

21:53:46 Mr. Morgan reaffirmed that the balanced budget will be submitted to the Council on May 3, 2006.

21:56:00 The Chief addressed questions about pay scale increases relating to performance and cost of living. He cited grants that are being pursued to generate funds for the department.

22:02:48 Chief Marx also recommended purchasing two additional Harley motorbikes.

22:06:38 The Chief noted that the department is now recruiting to fill one vacancy.

22:10:14 Court Administrator Sheri Argyle reviewed the court's personnel needs. She cited a need to hire a person to facilitate the Peer Court Program. Ms. Argyle described basics that are being covered within the Court and some tasks that are not being done, due to a shortage of clerks. Ms. Argyle listed capital equipment needs and noted grants that are being pursued to cover the majority of expenses. Questions from the Council were addressed.

22:24:33 Judge Michael Kwan reviewed court issues relating to increased caseload and budgetary needs. He described grants that are available. Questions were addressed.

22:35:04 Mayor Wall and Mr. Morgan responded to concerns expressed by Mr. Rechtenbach about the budget increases that are being requested. They noted that final decision has not yet been made regarding actual inclusions in the budget and stated that the requests will be further evaluated and pared down before being presented to the Council.

22:40:30 Chairman Pratt cited additional revenues that will help to offset some of the increases.

22:42:40 Mr. Morgan suggested that, due to the lateness of the hour, the Administrative Department and the Economic Development Department be allowed to briefly report at the next regular Council Meeting. It was determined that the Special Budget Meeting tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd, will not be necessary. He asked that next week's City Council Meeting be moved ahead to begin at 6:00 p.m., with the Briefing Session at 5:30 p.m.

2. Other Matters

22:43:20 Chairman Pratt referenced a handout that was distributed regarding the Meadowbrook Golf Course. Mayor Wall stated that he is not aware of any new developments, although Jeff Mansell still appears to be pursuing the issue. The Mayor agreed to contact Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon to receive an update and then report back to the Council. Mr. McGrath affirmed that he has had no new information on this matter.

3. Adjournment

Council Member Les Matsumura **MOVED** to adjourn the Work Session Meeting. Council Member Rechtenbach **SECONDED** the motion. Vice-Chairman Pratt called for discussion. There being none, he called for a vote. The vote was as follows: Pratt-yes, Handy-yes, Matsumura-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, and Catlin-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

Virginia Loader, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 04-26-06

Minutes Prepared by: Cheryl Peacock Cottle, Deputy Recorder